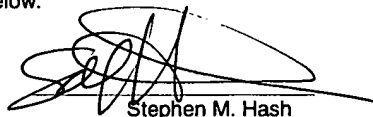


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I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED OCTOBER 21, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 1999, for which the three-month date for response is January 21, 2000.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/UTSD:553/HAS.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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